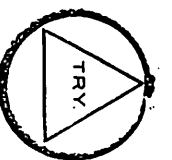


I do see that he strives to shine in reflected light.

In my case is a copy of the 'Mystery of Elix', the 'Mystery of the Serpent' and the 'Mystery of the North' and I tell you my brothers and sisters that the key of them all was withheld from the writing and given only to such as might become worthy to receive and thus was done preserving not such privacy and action has now appeared in the horizon and he who attempts to work them without the key only opens the "Door" the wrong way. Let us examine the published matter of the various societies and see how much discord can be crowded out and how much harmony can be obtained for the war should leave people more receptive to Truth.

Fraternally yours
Edmund H. Brown



THE BROTHERHOOD

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Societas Rosicruciana in America

New York City

My friends:-

My last letter was written from the backland of that country known mystically as "The East", a country of love, emotion and imagination and one not readily understood, being open to interpretation as indicating an esoteric personality; yet it seemed best to me to attempt a contact from that direction before meeting you in the labyrinth of the setting sun. I wish to thank you for your kindness in sending me the number of Mercury. It is a well chosen name and holds a world of meaning.

They will be of interest to me and I shall give them careful consideration.

I wrote to Pennsylvania today asking the gentleman who functions there to state to me his attitude and intentions toward other societies using the name Rosicrucian as my students have for several years reported him as attacking both Brother Dowd and myself and claiming he was the only pathway toward the Light that shines for all men.

Hitherto I let it pass without a word as arising from general ignorance but if he plans to claim a copyright on the word Rosicrucian, it may be necessary to handle it from a legal viewpoint. Strange enough! Years ago he also addressed me as "The Master". Now he shoulders all aside.

Before me is a pamphlet entitled "Who is a Rosicrucian?" It consists of an introduction to several of Randolph's books written by Brother Dowd. Clymer has copyrighted it as a pamphlet. He inserts a note stating that the true "Rose Cross Order" was founded in America by Dr. Randolph as a triple order, the Rose Cross Order, The Rose Cross Temple and the Hierarchy of Eulis.

I doubt if he knows the difference between Hierarchy and Hierarchy and in mind that Order is in a latent and unconscious state. Moreover I like not his emphasis on the word true.

In the macrocosm there is a place for all. It is one thing to be a "Master" in one's microcosm and another to be the Exoteric Master of a Fraternal Society.

So far as the Society which Clymer advocates so strongly, it passed to me through Dowd and from Randolph. So far as the word "Master" goes, referring to Him who conquers himself, let all try to attain and be worthy of it.

I cannot see that he fits in either place.